

Appl. No. 10/087,235
Amendment/Response in Reply
To Office Action dated July 13, 2004

REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-35 are presently pending in the captioned application. Claims 1-35 are the subject of a requirement of restriction.

Applicants respectfully requests approval of the drawings previously filed, including the proposed drawing changes filed July 23, 2002.

Election

In view of the restriction requirement and attendant requirement for election set forth in the Office Action of July 13, 2004, in order to respond under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicants provisionally elect Group II, claims 14-23, drawn to an optical device.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the above noted rejection of record, the allowance of all pending claims, and the holding of this application in condition for allowance. If any points remain of issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

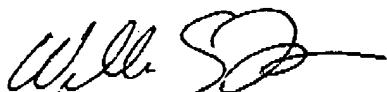
Except as otherwise stated in the above noted Remarks, Applicant notes that each of the amendments have been made to place the claims in better form for U.S. practice, not to distinguish the claims from prior art references, otherwise narrow the scope of previously pending claims or comply with other statutory requirements.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-0238 for any required fees including, but not limited to, any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

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In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact William S. Francos, Esq. (Reg. No. 38,456) at (610) 375-3513 to discuss these matters.

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